

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 12th June 2024

held at Schloss Seggau, Leibnitz (Austria)
12:00 – 12:30

Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 12:00 noon

in Schloss Seggau, Leibnitz, Austria

On June 12th 2024, at 12:00 noon., the members of the International Blackcurrant Association met in an annual general meeting.

An attendance sheet has been drawn up, signed by each person entering the meeting and entitled to vote, attached hereto.

Persons entitled to vote, present:

Guillaume Marie (France – 60 votes), Heiko Danner (Germany – 60 votes), Laurant Vermue (Netherlands – 20 votes), Mike Callagher (New Zealand – 40 votes), Jakub Osrodek (Poland – 100 votes), James Wright (United Kingdom – 60 votes), Anna Ralph (independent member – 1 vote); Total votes: 341 (+ 20)

Persons entitled to vote, absent / excused:

Jens Holme Pedersen (Denmark – 40 votes), Stefan Lampl (Austria – 20 votes, proxy to Heiko Danner, Germany), Bill Floyd (Japan – 20 votes), Jun Fujikuma (independent member – 5 votes), Pamela Beardsall (independent member – 1 vote), Lukasz Kopinski (independent member – 1 vote), Gudrun Schriebl (independent member – 5 votes), 72 votes

Total possible votes: 433

The meeting is chaired by Guillaume Marie, James Wright is secretary of the meeting.

Guillaume Marie informs and reminds the assembly of former IBA President Jens Herdieckerhoff's deathly accident in 2024 and asks for a minute of silence.

The minutes of the General Meeting 2023 had been published on the IBA website. No questions and changes are needed.

1st deliberation: The general assembly adopts the **minutes of the General Meeting 2023** unanimously.

The chairman of the meeting asks James Wright to read the annual report for the past year (attached hereto).

2nd deliberation: The general assembly adopts the **moral report 2023** as submitted. This deliberation is adopted unanimously.

The treasurer Heiko Danner asks Stefanie Sharma to give a report of the finances of the association for the past year (attached hereto). Michael Bullinger and Gudrun Schriebl (auditors), declare that the accounts of the IBA have been checked and approved by both of them.

3rd deliberation: The general assembly adopts the **financial report** of the accounts for the financial year ending March 31st, 2024, as submitted. This deliberation is adopted unanimously.

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Statement of Cashperformance

year starting April 1st, 2023 and ending March 31st, 2024

Cashreceived	2023/2024 (EUR)	2022/2023 (EUR)
Sponsorship	3 200,00 €	3 200,00 €
Country Membership	11 990,00 €	13 970,00 €
Company Membership	1 195,90 €	600,00 €
Individual Membership	605,15 €	200,00 €
Other Income (Conference 2023)	9 493,43 €	3 498,15 €
Total CashReceived	26 484,48 €	21 468,15 €
Cash Expenses		
Bank Charges	142,60 €	129,70 €
Conference Expenses	11 770,34 €	3 396,21 €
Administration	14 453,20 €	7 603,39 €
Weeding project	4 838,94 €	- €
Execmeeting	2 732,45 €	- €
Other Administration	1 249,98 €	503,16 €
Total CashExpenses	35 187,51 €	11 632,46 €
CashSurplus / Deficit	- 8 703,03 €	9 835,69 €
Opening Cash	42 550,50 €	32 714,81 €
Closing Cash	33 847,47 €	42 550,50 €

Following a request from the Polish grower association, a change in the IBA statutes is submitted to the general assembly. Stefanie Sharma presents the idea behind this change: in 2023, one of the independent members had been elected as vice-president of the IBA. As the IBA wants to make sure to be governed by growers only, the change would be as follows:

Under Article Article 11: The Board of Directors, 7. Executive (describing the roles of the IBA President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer), the following sentence will be added:

“Only members of category A (National or Multinational Producer Organizations) can be elected for these positions.”

4th deliberation: No questions arising, the **change of the IBA statutes** is submitted to the vote of the assembly and adopted unanimously.

As a result of this change, Przemyslaw Wijaszka cannot stay vice-president. In preparation of the meeting, he had informed the IBA Board of his intention to resign on 11th June 2024. Jakub Osrodek (Poland) informs the assembly that he wants to stand for elections for the role of vice-president. No other candidate stands for this position.

5th deliberation: The general assembly votes unanimously for **Jakub Osrodek as vice-president** of the IBA.

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Stefanie Sharma presents the budget for the coming year (attached hereto)

6th deliberation: The general assembly adopts the **budget 2024** as submitted. This deliberation is adopted unanimously.

Income			Expenditure	
	Planned	Real		Planned
Surplus 2023/24	33 847,47 €	33 847,47 €	EASE April 2024 - March 2025	18 000,00 €
Country Associations	12 000,00 €	- €	Exec Meeting 2024/25	3 000,00 €
Austria	500,00 €		Conference 2024	3 000,00 €
Denmark	1 000,00 €		Representation expenses (incl. Website)	3 000,00 €
France	2 000,00 €		Bank costs	250,00 €
Germany	2 000,00 €		Project Weeding Solutions	4 000,00 €
Japan	500,00 €		Special Project: Health Claim	3 000,00 €
Netherlands	500,00 €		Surplus	18 000,00 €
New Zealand	1 000,00 €			
Poland	3 000,00 €			
United Kingdom	2 000,00 €			
Non-association	1 500,00 €	503,34 €		
Sponsors	4 900,00 €	- €		
Austria Juice	1 700,00 €			
Beneseed	3 200,00 €			
Total Income	52 247,47 €	34 350,81 €	Total Expenses	52 250,00 €

No further questions or issues being brought into the assembly, and no further elections being necessary, the General Assembly ends at 12:30 pm.



Guillaume Marie, President

James Wright, Secretary